# Critical Question #1 – Sustainability & Community

The question is:

“**What sustains communities?"**

Identify 2-3 factors that you believe help sustain communities. Make sure that you define your understanding of sustainability and the nature of community.

Use evidence from the classes and trails as evidence to support your answers.

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| *Introduction:* “Sustainability in the context of community” means… | *(Provide your definition here… you may wish to use a dictionary definition, or find one elsewhere)*  \*\*\*You must define both terms: **sustainability** and **community**. Explain how the two terms are connected\*\*\* |
| **Identify which factors contribute the most to sustaining your chosen community / communities.**  *Factors you could use:*   * Consumption of energy * Consumption of goods * Waste disposal * Culture * Architectural Design * Food Production * Collaboration – sharing economy * Personal wellbeing – work/study/life balance   *Types of community can include:*   * Cultural * Neighbourhood * City * Friends / Family * School | *I believe that the following elements of sustainability help support communities:*  1. |
| 2. |
| 3. |
| Factor that helps sustain community #1:   * Explain why you think this factor helps sustain communities. * Consider if there is a counter argument to be made.   *Evidence you can use:*   * Mini Melbourne Trail * Intro to Sustainability session * Personal Sustainability session * Garbology / Ecological Footprint / Start your own sustainable business session * Sustainable living & gardening trail / Stuff & nonsense trail / Efficiency in a world gone mad trail * Bunjilaka / Walking the Birrarung Trail * **Further research** |  |
| Factor that helps sustain community #2:   * Explain why you think this factor helps sustain communities. * Consider if there is a counter argument to be made.   *Evidence you can use:*   * Mini Melbourne Trail * Intro to Sustainability session * Personal Sustainability session * Garbology / Ecological Footprint / Start your own sustainable business session * Sustainable living & gardening trail / Stuff & nonsense trail / Efficiency in a world gone mad trail * Bunjilaka / Walking the Birrarung Trail * **Further research** |  |
| Element of sustainability # 3:  *Complete if you want to extend yourself – use the same format described above.* |  |
| *Conclusion:*  Reaffirm what factors you believe sustain communities:  *Based on the discussion above, I believe that the following factors help sustain communities…* |  |

\*\*\***Remember to consider the issue from more than 1 perspective & to include your sources in a reference list!!\*\*\***